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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Pedersen. Senator Wehrbein, on the Pedersen amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, I'm between the rock and a hard spot, but I'm going to start being a "Grinch". A hundred and forty thousand here and a hundred and forty thousand there, we're going to start adding up to real money, and that's a cliche. I don't know where we're headed, but I'm getting very nervous. Part of it is the state of the revenue situation. If I have to make a decision today, which I don't really want to, I'm going to vote against this amendment and I'm going to vote for the bill, and I will not, if this goes on, I will not vote for the override because I predict, at this point, with my limited knowledge, that this is going to take some extra money and we're going to be...we're going to be making decisions today that we're going to end up making the 25th of May, for example. And I don't know those answers today because we start next week. But we're starting to talk real money when you start talking a hundred to two or three hundred thousand dollars and take that times several times, eight or ten times. We're up into millions. We're seeing additional things nearly coming in every day of costs that we haven't anticipated and we're going to start next week putting this all together. And so I guess you have to make the decision today. If you're going to put this in, you'll have to go for the override apparently. But there's going to be all kinds of temptations in those overrides and I will promise you now, if history is of...repeats itself, at least in my last 15 years, we're going to have to not override overrides...override vetoes come May. So I guess you'll have to start making a decision today what you're going to do based on the way the gauntlet has been thrown down. I don't know that we need this or don't need this. It sounds all right, but the whole bill is a million and a half, I believe, over two years, seven...six fifty times two, million three, whatever. It's not an insignificant amount. I know it has the support of the Governor, has support of our committee because we've talked about this to a limited degree in our area too. We let...they let the A bill carry it in this case, so that's why you have it here on the floor. I don't think anyone denies that need. don't know exactly to the extent that Senator Pedersen needs this bill. It sounds like it's reasonable. The only thing is